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DECREE ON AWARD OF ANNUAL PRIZES IN ALBANIA

The Council of Ministers of the Albanian People's Republic, in conformity with Decree No 1333 of 27 September 1951 on the award of annual Republic Prizes in the fields of sciences, inventions, literature, and arts, orders:

Article 1

First, second, and third prizes for outstanding works and achievements in the fields of science, invention, literature, and art shall be awarded as follows:

For the natural sciences and the humanities:

- First prize 100,000 leks
- Second prize 75,000 leks
- Third prize 50,000 leks

For literature, prose, poetry, drama, and critical writings:

- First prize 75,000 leks
- Second prize 50,000 leks
- Third prize 30,000 leks

For arts, music, painting, sculpture, architecture, and for musical, dramatic and concert performances:

- First prize 75,000 leks
- Second prize 50,000 leks
- Third prize 30,000 leks

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For popular art and cinematography:

First prize	50,000 leks
Second prize	30,000 leks
Third prize	20,000 leks

For outstanding inventions in various production centers and for outstanding improvements, innovations, and new working methods which will increase production and the welfare of the people:

First prize	75,000 leks
Second prize	50,000 leks
Third prize	30,000 leks

Article 2

The Republic Prizes will be awarded for outstanding achievements in the fields of science, art, and culture, and for unpublished works judged by collectives, recommending committees, and examining commissions to be of importance and of national benefit.

Article 3

These prizes will also be given for works published earlier as well as for unpublished work submitted during the year. For unpublished works, prizes will be awarded when such works are deemed to have contributed to the material and cultural elevation of the working masses, or when they have aided or will aid the cause of peace and friendship between nations.

Article 4

The Committee on Republic Prizes attached to the Council of Ministers shall be empowered:

- To invite participation of scientists, specialists, and experts.
- To entrust scientific, social institutions, and other organizations with examination of particular works.
- To invite to its meetings, whenever it may deem proper, representatives of scientific institutes and organizations, as well as individuals, to give their opinions on the work under consideration.

Article 5

Names of candidates for Republic Prizes must be submitted to the Committee on Prizes by workers' collectives and state, social, and cultural organizations within the month of November each year. Works presented after November will be judged the following year.

Article 6

The Committee on Prizes is obligated to finish examinations by 31 January and to present its suggestions to the government.

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Article 7

Works on science and descriptions of inventions must be delivered in triplicate, typewritten or printed in the Albanian language.

Literary and musical works and architectural plans must be accompanied by one copy: other works of art are submitted in the original.

The value of theatrical or cinematographic works will be judged on the material presented and on the basis of performance.

Article 8

Republic Prizes will be awarded to joint authors as follows:

- a. When there are two joint authors, the prize shall be divided equally between them.
- b. When there are three joint authors, one half shall be awarded to the chief author, the other half being divided between the other two.
- c. When there are four or more joint authors, one third shall be awarded to the chief authors, the remaining two thirds being divided equally among the others.

Article 9

The insignia will be a round medal with the profile of Enver Hoxha and a laurel branch in relief. The diameter of the medal will be 26 millimeters. It will hang on a small red cord. On the reverse of the medal will be four lines reading: "Winner of the (first, second, or third) Republic Prize." The fifth line will contain the date of the award.

Article 10

The first-prize medal will be made of gold. The second will be made of silver with the relief in gold. The third-prize medal will be made of bronze with the relief in silver.

Article 11

These medals must be worn on the right side above other orders or decorations. The certificate will be signed by Enver Hoxha.

Article 12

The Council of Ministers may take away from any person decorated with a Republic Prize the right to the title and the right to wear the medal in case of unworthiness.

Article 13

This order shall come into effect jointly with Decree No 1333, dated 27 September 1951.

/Signed/ Enver Hoxha, President of the Council of Ministers of the Albanian People's Republic

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